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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A fusion protein for the alleviation of symptoms associated with an autoimmune disorder comprising an immunoglobulin or portion thereof linked to one or more autoantigenic polypeptides or fragments thereof wherein said immunoglobulin or portion thereof is capable of binding to an Fc receptor and being endocytosed by an antigen presenting cell and said one or more autoantigenic polypeptides or fragments thereof is derived from a protein responsible for an autoimmune disease and provides at least one T cell receptor peptide agonist for presentation on the surface of said antigen presenting cell upon endocytic processing.